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Hunting and Fishing Guide

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ATTENTION FISHERMEN

The following are specific fishing regulations for Mark Twain Lake:

	LENGTH LIMIT (minimum)	DAILY LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
BLACK BASS (LARGE & SMALL MOUTH)	15"	6	12
WALLEYE	18"	4	8
CRAPPIE	—	15	15 while on the water.

NOTE: ALL REMAINING STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY

LAKE STURGEON

Lake Sturgeon were stocked into Mark Twain Lake as part of an experimental program to reestablish them in Missouri waters. Lake Sturgeon are classified as rare and endangered and are *illegal to possess*. If you catch a Lake Sturgeon, release it unharmed and contact the Missouri Department of Conservation to report your catch.

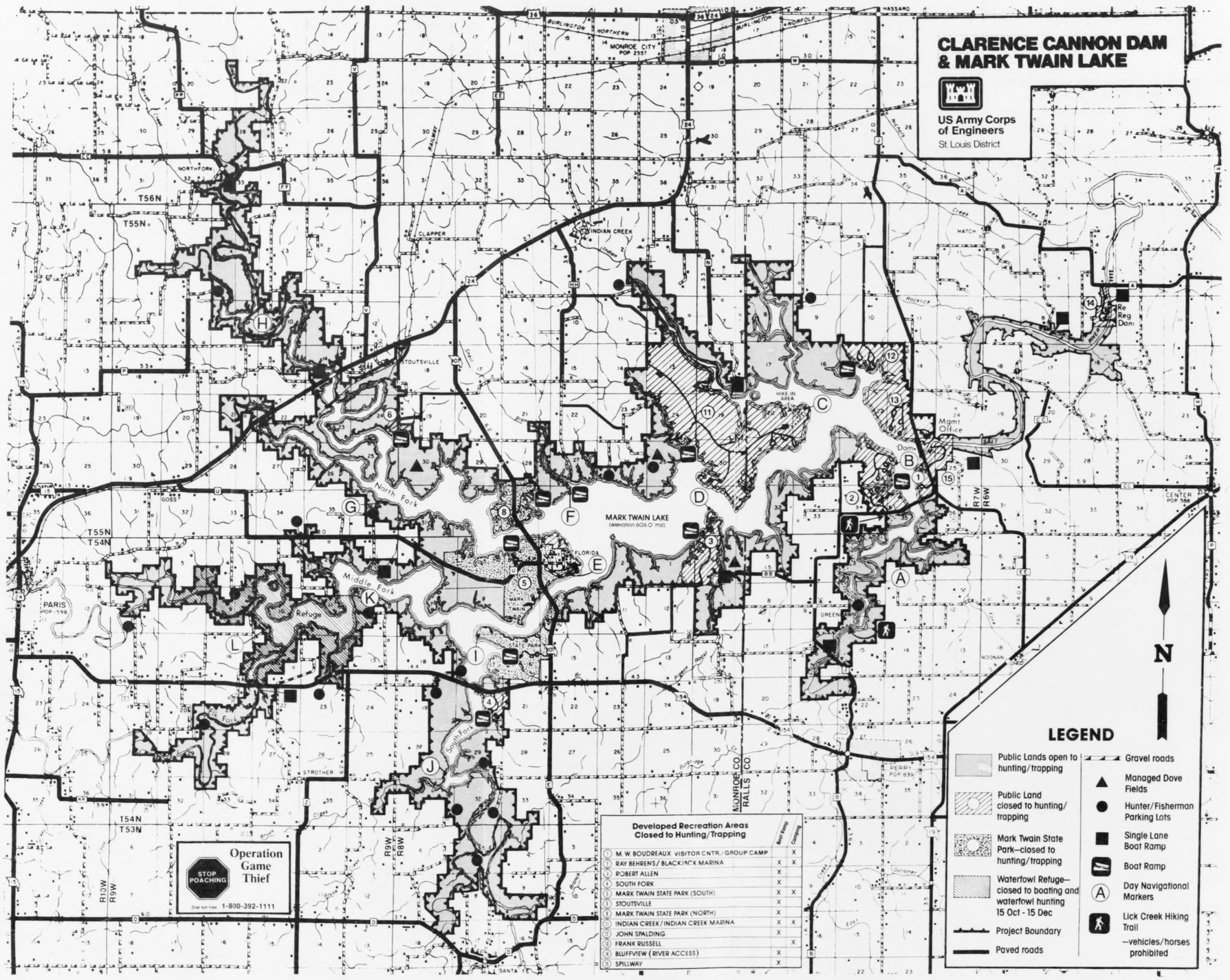
RE-REGULATION POOL

- No fishing is permitted within the area 400' below the main dam.
- From 400' below the main dam, statewide stream regulations apply.
- Fishing is restricted to pole and line *only* from 400' below the main dam to the power line crossing and below the re-regulation dam to Route A.

The following are specific fishing regulations for the Re-Regulation Pool.

	Length Limit (minimum)	Daily Limit	Possession Limit
BLACK BASS (LARGE AND SMALLMOUTH)	12"	6	12
WALLEYE	—	4	8
CRAPPIE	—	30	60

NOTE: ALL REMAINING STATEWIDE FISHING REGULATIONS APPLY.



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Introduction

Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake is a public-owned water resource project administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Located on the Salt River in Northeast Missouri, near Hannibal, Mark Twain Lake was developed for the purposes of flood control, hydro-electric power, recreation, water supply, and fish and wildlife conservation. Approximately 55,000 acres of land and water are available for public enjoyment. At normal pool Mark Twain Lake encompasses 18,600 acres, providing a variety of fishing opportunities for large and small-mouth bass, crappie, walleye, catfish, bluegill, and others. Approximately 45,000 acres of land and water are available for hunting. Game species available for hunting include dove, quail, rabbit, squirrel, deer, wild turkey, and waterfowl. The migratory waterfowl refuge on the Middle and Elk Forks of the lake provides an undisturbed resting area for many waterfowl species. Corps management programs are designed to balance the many uses of public land and water with protection of the natural resources. This guide describes the areas which are open to hunting and fishing and explains how Corps resource management programs help maintain these popular sporting activities at Clarence Cannon Dam and Mark Twain Lake.

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Wildlife Management

Wildlife management programs play an important part in the overall management of Corps of Engineers areas. Management plans developed from these evaluations are designed to benefit wildlife populations. Programs are implemented to insure the needs of wildlife – food, water, cover and living space – are available in sufficient quantities to sustain and encourage future growth of the wildlife populations. Wildlife programs include:

- Wildlife food plots and native grass plots are established to provide additional food and nesting cover.
- Old fields are mowed or burned to control plant succession and maintain habitat diversity.
- Waterfowl food plots and nesting boxes are established to aid waterfowl population.

These management practices are a few which are implemented to insure quality hunting, wildlife viewing and wildlife habitat.

Fisheries

The Corps of Engineers, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Conservation, monitor the fisheries of Mark Twain Lake throughout the year. Information gained through sampling and surveys evaluate the health and growth of the fish population. Management plans are developed from this information to insure a healthy fisheries for years to come.

Resource Management

In an effort to further improve wildlife habitat and populations at Mark Twain Lake, the Corps administers a resource lease program. Agricultural lessees are required to leave a thirty foot buffer strip of natural vegetation around agricultural fields for cover and nesting sites. During harvest, they must leave five percent of row crops standing for food. The additional food and cover aids wildlife in survival during severe winter weather. Farming practices incorporate sound soil conservation practices to reduce soil erosion. Hay and grazing leases control plant succession in grasslands, which maintains habitat diversity.

If you wish to participate in the Resource Lease Program, please contact the Mark Twain Lake Management Office.

KEEP OUR FORESTS GREEN

NEVER LEAVE CAMPFIRES UNATTENDED

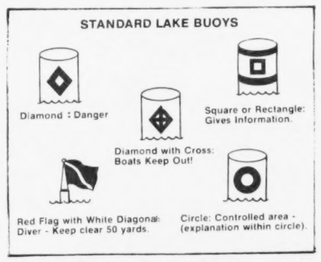
PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT

REMOVE ONLY DEAD AND DOWN WOOD FOR CAMPFIRES

Hunting and Firearm Safety and Sportsmanship

For a safe and enjoyable visit keep in mind the skills and responsibilities that good sportsmanship requires:

- Review all rules and regulations pertaining to the area before you hunt and fish.
- Respect the rights of landowners by asking permission to hunt or fish on private land.
- Pack out all spent shells and other litter.
- Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction and maintain muzzle control at all times.
- Treat every gun with the respect due a loaded gun.
- Unload guns when not in use. Take down or have action open.
- Be sure of your target and beyond before you touch the trigger.
- Never pull a gun towards you by the muzzle.
- Never climb a fence or tree or jump a ditch with a loaded gun.
- Alcohol, drugs and hunting DON'T mix.
- Report any violations of fish and game laws to the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Mark Twain Lake Management Office or to OPERATION GAME THIEF.


STANDARD LAKE BUOYS
Diamond : Danger
Square or Rectangle: Gives Information.
Diamond with Cross: Boats Keep Out!
Red Flag with White Diagonal: Diver - Keep clear 50 yards.
Circle: Controlled area - (explanation within circle).

When Boating...

- Check local weather reports before casting off.
- Don't overload the capacity of the boat.
- Always make sure everyone on board has an approved and properly fitting personal flotation device (PFD).
- All boats must have Coast Guard approved lighting on when operating between sunset and sunrise.
- All motorboats over 16' in length must carry a Coast Guard approved sounding device.
- Keep firefighting equipment in good condition and accessible at all times.
- Avoid alcohol while boating and swimming.
- Learn to recognize and obey all regulatory buoys.
- Courtesy Boat Inspections are available by contacting the Missouri State Water Patrol.
- Report all boating violations and accidents to the Missouri State Water Patrol or the Mark Twain Lake Management Office.

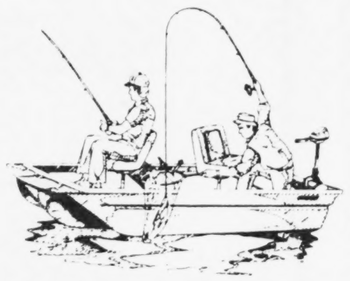
Restrictions

CAMPING: The Ray Behrens, Indian Creek and Frank Russell Recreation Areas, M. W. Boudreaux Group Camp, the Mark Twain State Park and several private facilities provide developed campsites open to the public. Hike-in or boat-in primitive camping is available free of charge along the Lick Creek Trail and the Hike-in section of the Indian Creek Recreation Area. Permits are required for camping along the Lick Creek Trail and are available at the Mark Twain Lake Management Office and the M. W. Boudreaux Visitor Center. Indian Creek Hike-in campground users must register at the campground fee booth. CAMPING IS RESTRICTED TO THE ABOVE DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY. All firearms must remain unloaded while in recreation areas.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLE USE: Operating any motorized vehicle off public roadways is prohibited.

WILDLIFE STANDS: Portable deer stands and waterfowl blinds are permitted, but must be removed each day after the hunt. No permanent or overnight stands/blinds are permitted.

WATERFOWL REFUGE: All lands and water in the refuge are closed to boating and waterfowl hunting from October 15 through December 15. All other hunting and bank fishing activities are permitted during this time. During the remainder of the year this area is available for all recreational uses.



FISHING: Fishings is prohibited at boat launching ramps, beach areas and immediately below the main dam.

HUNTING: All public lands are open to hunting with the following exceptions:

- Developed recreation areas.
- Within 200 yards of construction zones.
- Areas posted with Government No Hunting signs.

Regulations

Federal and State Rules and Regulations governing the use and protection of public land, water and wildlife may be obtained from the Mark Twain Lake Management Office (see address below) or by contacting:

MO Department of Conservation
Regional Office
P. O. Box 539
Mexico, MO 65265
(314) 581-7220

MO State Water Patrol
P. O. Box 603
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(314) 751-3333

Mark Twain State Park
R. R. #1 Box 53
Stoutsville, MO 65283
(314) 565-3440

Additional Information

For brochures, maps or an orientation to the lake, visit the M.W. Boudreaux Visitor Center, located on Route J, ½ mile south of the Clarence Cannon Dam.

OPEN: Daily 10:00 to 5:00
April thru October
Weekends 10:00 to 5:00
March and November

For additional information contact:
Mark Twain Lake Management Office
R. R. #2 Box 20-A
Monroe City, MO 63456-9359
(314) 735-4097
HOURS: Monday thru Friday
7:00 to 4:00

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Corps of Engineers - Mark Twain Lake	**314-735-4097**
Monroe County Sheriff	**816-327-4708**
Ralls County Sheriff	**314-985-5611**
MO Water Patrol	**314-751-3333**
MO Highway Patrol	**816-385-2132**

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